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Ch: ELECTORAL POLITICS

IMPORTANT QUESTION

Question 6. What is the 'Model code of Conduct' for election campaign? Answer: According to the medal code of conduct, no party or candidate can:

- Use any place of worship for election propaganda.
- Use government vehicles, aircrafts and officials for election.
- Once elections are announced, the Ministers shall not lay foundation stones of any projects, take any big policy decisions or make any promises of providing public facilities.

Question 7. Why should elections be held regularly? Answer: Elections should be held regularly because:

- Elections should be held regularly because it provides incentives to the political parties and leaders.
- They know that if they raise-issues that people want to raised, it would make them popular and increase their chances of victory in the next elections.
- But, if they fail to satisfy the voters with their work, they will not be able to win again.

Question 8.

What are the demerits of an election competition? Answer:

An electoral competition has many demerits such as.

- It creates a sense of disunity and 'factionalism' in every locality.
- Different political parties and leaders often level allegations against one another.
- Parties and candidates often use dirty tricks to win elections.

Question 9.

Why is there a provision of reservation of seats in the legislatures? Answer:

The constitution makers were worried that in an open electoral competition, certain weaker sections may not stand a good chance to get elected to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. They may not have the required resources, education

and contacts to contest and win elections against the more influential and resourceful contestants. Hence, the seats are reserved for them in the legislatures.

Question 10.

How can you say that elections are expensive in our country? Answer:

A large amount of money is spent in conducting elections in India. For instance, the government spent about? 3,500 crores in conducting Lok Sabha elections in 2014. That works out to about? 40 per person on the voters' list. The amount spent by the parties and candidates was more than what the government spent. It is often said that elections are a burden on people. Our poor country cannot afford to hold elections once every five years.